# CLUB CORNER

### CROATIA

Absent from the Croatia side this week-end, Brian Adlam is noted for the clever moves he makes on the right wing, but today he is making his smartest move ever when he marries Miss Ann Watts at the Presbyterian Church, in Ormond.

In taking Brian under her wing Miss Watts has one of the most likeable people in the game. The club and I am sure all supporters wish the happy couple years of happiness and prosperity together.

Supporters are reminded — a big party at the St. Augustin Hall, Somerville Road next Saturday night. Many valuable prizes to be won. Make up your party now—and make this night a must on your social calendar.

### GEORGE CROSS

Entries for the "Miss George Cross" quest will close on August 21st. The winner will be entered in the Miss Victoria quest as Miss Maltese community, with all proceeds going to the Spastic Children's Appeal. Contact the club secretary, Mr Paul Borg, 306-4469 now. It could mean the thrill of a lifetime and you will be helping a great cause indeed.

World heavyweight wrestling champion, Mike Scicluna, and another star wrestler Big Caramba will be the club's guests at the George Cross-Footscray game on Sunday. Both wrestlers will be introduced to the teams before the match.

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and Disciplinary bodies. The level of attendance at meetings is high and the volume of work speaks for itself.

All documents relating to the incorporation of the Federation are in the hands of the Registrar of Companies and the Federation's Solicitor and we confidently expect that when we meet for the Annual General Meeting in four months, the registration as a company will be completed.

I didn't "laff" the other day when a man very prominent in soccer circles said to me: "The game is dead and will never go ahead in our lifetime." What really staggered me was that this comment was made whilst the speaker is reaping handsome profits from the game, and has done so for years.

It could be that he intends switching his practical activities to other games which use either small felt covered balls or the celluloid sphere which is struck with a small bat. I confess soccer's progress has been painfully slow but it has progressed and will continue to do so.

*For up-to-the-minute comment on weekend soccer tune in to 3KZ every Friday night at 9.30.*

*Sports Cavalcade, presented by Rod McLeod, will, from now on, include a soccer segment presented by Alex Barr.*

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## STATE LEAGUE LADDER

| | W. | D. | L. | F | A. | Av. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HAKOAH | 8 | 2 | 3 | 25 | 14 | 1.79 | 18 |
| CROATIA | 8 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 11 | 1.91 | 17 |
| S.M.-HELLAS | 6 | 5 | 2 | 24 | 14 | 1.71 | 17 |
| GEORGE CROSS | 6 | 5 | 2 | 27 | 16 | 1.69 | 17 |
| Polonia | 6 | 5 | 2 | 21 | 13 | 1.62 | 17 |
| Alexander | 5 | 3 | 5 | 20 | 26 | 0.77 | 13 |
| P.M.-Slavia | 4 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 16 | 1.00 | 12 |
| Lions | 4 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 15 | 0.73 | 12 |
| Ringwood City | 4 | 3 | 6 | 18 | 18 | 1.00 | 11 |
| Juventus | 3 | 4 | 6 | 14 | 25 | 0.56 | 10 |
| Melbourne | 2 | 4 | 7 | 13 | 24 | 0.54 | 8 |
| Footscray | 1 | 2 | 10 | 11 | 28 | 0.39 | 4 |

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*Alex Barr says:—*

### LAFF — LAFF CLOWNS LAFF

Sure I know how to spell but it would appear that a number of people in high places in the soccer world cannot see the writing on the wall or they can't read it. I couldn't help laffing, excuse me—laughing when I read in an inter-state newspaper that the president of the Sydney club A.P.I.A., Mr. Eddie Provera, has proposed that Australia abandons the world controlling body, F.I.F.A.

Unless he was trying to get into the limelight or was trying to be funny the very thought of it is ludicrous. No reasons for the outrageous statement were given but one can only assume that he is all in favor of going outside the soccer law under international ruling, to forage for renegade players all over the world.

The recent visit of Dettmar Kramer, a world figure in the coaching field under the auspices of F.I.F.A. alone provides reason for us being on the side of the law. The recent Vietnam and South East Asia visit is another and the visits of Japan and Cardiff City are other benefits.

Fortunately although not active in the Australian Federation, but still very vocal in New South Wales soccer politics, big Jim Bayutti rubbished the suggestion. It makes one wonder though — where there is smoke there is fire, and unless Victorian officials stamp out any such idea in its infancy, we could get our fingers burned — and burned badly.

Regular information from F.I.F.A. has kept us up to date with soccer trends all over the world, and as a member nation we have the protection of official soccer law. So how can Mr Provera or anyone else suggest we return to the wilderness as outcasts.

An interim report issued by the Victorian Federation earlier this week provides food for thought. The following figures speak for themselves and prove that progress is being made.

Taking comparison figures for the year 1961 when the Federation came into being, for 1965 when the first steps were taken to establish the administration on the basis of an up-to-date organisation and the present year 1968.

| | 1961 | 1965 | 1968 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Metropolitan area Clubs | 62 | 60 | 90 |
| Metropolitan area Teams | 94 | 105 | 163 |
| Country Clubs | — | 33 | 34 |
| Junior Clubs | 34 | 66 | 56 |
| Junior Teams | 55 | 139 | 159 |
| Finance — expenditure | $20,178 | $29,967 | $32,838 |

Claims in certain quarters that the Board of Management recently appointed was a dead loss don't hold water as they have been extremely active.

They have had 26 meetings, have passed over 430 resolutions and considered over 600 items of correspondence, as well as hearing the reports of all standing committees, League Management Committees, Secretary

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### NEXT WEEKEND'S DRAW

**SATURDAY**

George Cross v. Lions, Olympic Park

Polonia v. Hakoah

Ringwood City v. Footscray

**SUNDAY**

Croatie v. Melbourne, Olympic Park

Juventus v. Alexander

S.M. Hellas v. P.M. Slavia

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## SATURDAY

| CROATIA | LIONS |
|---|---|
| 1. KOVACEK | 1. EVANS |
| 2. McKAY D. | 2. SCHWARZ |
| 3. GUNN | 3. SMITH |
| 4. McARTHUR | 4. MURNEY |
| 5. BOT | 5. WALKER |
| 6. RAU | 6. VAN ZEIST |
| 7. McMEECHAN | 7. REID |
| 8. McINTYRE | 8. ANDERSON |
| 9. VOTJEK W. | 9. ROSEWEIR |
| 10 McKAY J. | 10. ROONEY |
| 11. GLASER | 11. SMART |
| 12. HARGREAVES | 12. ALDIS |
| 13. WIXEY | 13. |
| Reserve Goalkeeper, BALIC | Reserve Goalkeeper, CARMICHAEL |

OFFICIALS

Referee, Mr. RANDALL. Linesmen, Messrs. DEL-COLLI and HARRISON.

### CROATIA CAN CURB CATS

**By Alex Barr**

Croatia's tight defence should pull Lion's claws despite the visitors tenacity and team spirit. The home side will miss Brian Adlam but Hammy McMeechan moving to the number eight position will fill the bill, and could lead to this player finding his touch which has been astray in recent weeks.

Lions record of 11 goals in 13 matches doesn't look good but on the credit side they have only conceded 15, suggesting that they play well in mid-field, are a bit weak in attack, but defend strongly.

Croatia's backline also has a good record having been passed only on 11 occasions, whilst the forwards have notched the impressive tally of 21 goals. McIntyre seems to spark the attack and Lions will have their hands full with this fellow.

Steve Walker is in fine form for the visitors and has the ability to marshal his defence into a compact fighting unit. I feel that his form on the day will have a telling effect on the final score.

The visitors are out to make amends for last week's defeat by Hakoah. I didn't see the game but according to all reports Hakoah played well above themselves but despite this was flattered by the three goal win.

Jimmy Rooney is a dynamo on the inside left berth and his duel with McArthur will be a highlight. The Croatia defender has the physical strength but the diminutive inside man knows all the tricks of the trade and will be a threat to Croatia throughout.

Tommy Roseweir just back in the side after a month overseas is raring to go, and there is no doubt that his presence will greatly improve the team's firing power.

I anticipate a very low scoring game with the defences dominating and although luck may swing the result one way or the other I favor Croatia to win, with shared points quite on the cards.

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## SUNDAY

| GEORGE CROSS | FOOTSCRAY |
|---|---|
| 1. KASTNER | 1. FODE |
| 2. FERGUSON | 2. FEARN |
| 3. SACCO | 3. SOLOVIC |
| 4. IRELAND | 4. McPHERSON |
| 5. CAIRNS | 5. RICE |
| 6. ROBERTSON | 6. CIRKOVIC |
| 7. CAMPBELL | 7. KAZI, A. |
| 8. SANCHEZ | 8. KING |
| 9. McCALLUM | 9. HUGHES |
| 10. GARDINER | 10. HANDRICK |
| 11. ARMOUR | 11. McCORQUODALE |
| 12. CASSAR | 12. MADI |
| 13. TRUSZKOWSKI | 13. BREEN |
| Reserve Goalkeeper, SNOPOWSKI | Reserve Goalkeeper, KAZI, S. |
| | Subject to the arrival of three players from Yugoslavia this team may be altered. |

OFFICIALS

Referee: Mr. ALEXANDROU. Linesmen: Messrs. THORN & KEELER.

### FOOTSCRAY FATED FOR FAILURE

**By Alex Barr**

Footscray lacks the stability and team spirit of George Cross and is doomed to another failure. Two weeks ago with a win over Hakoah it seemed possible for the side to regain some semblance of its old form, but letting last week's game against Croatia slip through their fingers suggests the previous success was a flash in the pan.

The number of goals against the visitors indicates a brittle defence and opposed to a fleet-footed lineup such as Cross can field the writing appears to be well and truly on the wall.

Morson may not be fielded as he has failed to respond to treatment for bruised ribs, however it seems likely that Brown will take over the berth, and he is more than a useful player.

It must be a heart break for Footscray's Billy Rice to be on the receiving end every week. He is a gallant pivot but naturally cannot be expected to carry the defence on his own all the time.

Kazi is showing some spirit in attack and Colovic is showing glimpses. However the team seems to lack cohesion and purpose. My spies tell me they look as though they are trying to bottle up the mid-field then hope for a breakaway to clinch the game.

The League ladder tells how successful those tactics have been in the past and there is no hope of them working against the well-oiled machinery of George Cross, which has the most prolific scoring board in the tournament.

### THIS WEEKEND AT OTHER GROUNDS

Ringwood City v. Alexander
Juventus v. P.M. Slavia

**Sunday**

Hakoah v. Melbourne
Polonia v. S.M. Hellas